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3 By Representative Smith
4 RFD: RULES
5 First Read: 18-Apr-24



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1 Enrolled, An Act,

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3 MOURNING THE DEATH AND CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF
4 WARREN LEE HELMS.

5 WHEREAS, it is with profound sorrow that we note the
6 death on April 8, 2024, of United States Air Force Veteran
7 and former Alabama Emergency Management Agency Director
8 Warren Lee Helms of Montgomery, Alabama, at the age of 68;
9 his passing leaves a void in the lives of his loving family,
10 many friends, and the community where he was highly
11 regarded; and

12 WHEREAS, Lee Helms was born on August 29, 1955, to
13 Virginia Nell Benton Helms and David Bennett Helms; he
14 graduated from Jefferson Davis High School in 1973, where he
15 excelled in football and track; and

16 WHEREAS, he served with honor and distinction for six
17 years in the U.S. Air Force from 1973-1979, and his fondest
18 memories were from serving in Germany; and

19 WHEREAS, Lee Helms began his distinguished career of
20 managing Alabama disasters on September 12, 1979, when
21 Hurricane Frederick moved ashore on Dauphin Island as a
22 Category 4 storm and devastated Mobile County and the
23 surrounding areas; he took a temporary position with the
24 Disaster Housing Office and the State of Alabama Emergency
25 Management Agency (EMA) and headed to Mobile; and

26 WHEREAS, in the following years, he passionately
27 served the residents of the State of Alabama through
28 emergency management and advanced within the EMA; he was



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29 named State EMA Director by Governor Fob James and served
30 during both of his terms; and he continued as State EMA
31 Director under Governor Don Siegelman; and

32 WHEREAS, upon his retirement from the State of
33 Alabama, he opened Lee Helms Associates, LLC, where he
34 assisted cities and counties all over the State of Alabama
35 in developing their own disaster plans, as well as executing
36 mock disasters to test those plans; his company also
37 assisted with cleanup after storms; and

38 WHEREAS, Lee Helms was known in his community as a
39 man of honesty and integrity, and he gave back however and
40 wherever he was needed; he served on the Montgomery City
41 Planning Commission and Jefferson Davis High School PTA; and
42 held leadership roles as President of both the Alabama
43 National Emergency Number Association-911 and the Board of
44 the Humane Society of Chilton County; and

45 WHEREAS, Lee Helms was happiest when spending time
46 with his beloved family; he showed his love to them freely
47 throughout his life; and

48 WHEREAS, Mr. Helms is preceded in death by his
49 parents; older brother, Dr. Emory C. Helms; and
50 sister-in-law, Janice Helms; and

51 WHEREAS, he will be lovingly remembered by his three
52 children, Chasey B. Jockisch (Freeman), Cynthia "Cindy" H.
53 Claxton (Richard), and Travis B. Helms (Jessica);
54 grandchildren, Blakeley Barrow, Riley Barrow, Cayden Barrow,
55 Sammie Jockisch, and Logan Helms; siblings, David B. Helms,
56 Jr., Mellanie H. Bailey (Kenneth), Jonathan "Jody" R. Helms



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57 (Julie), Robin W. Helms (Marlena), and Callie H. Folds
58 (Kyle); and a host of nephews, nieces, cousins, and special
59 friends; and

60 WHEREAS, although his presence will be greatly
61 missed, the memory of Warren Lee Helms will be cherished in
62 the hearts of all who knew and loved him; now therefore,

63 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
64 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the death of United States
65 Air Force Veteran Warren Lee Helms is recorded with deep
66 sadness, and this resolution is offered in tribute to his
67 life and with heartfelt sympathy to his family, whose grief
68 is shared by many.



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Speaker of the House of Representatives

President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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I hereby certify that the within Act originated in
and was passed by the House 23-Apr-24.

John Treadwell
Clerk

Senate

25-Apr-24

Adopted